

What I can only conclude, not surmise from the wording and tone of this message is that you no longer wish to have any kind of relationship with me, brother, friend or otherwise.

Your discomfort quite frankly is of no concern to me, and if you had had the decency to inform me of this discomfort three years ago, then other arrangements could've been made and I wouldn't have to write this. But you didn't, and instead chose to lead me on and keep me waiting instead of being honest and expressing your feelings.

However, your refusal to take part in this final commemoration of our father's life is of concern to me. One would hope that by this time in life you would realize that sometimes you have to do things that are uncomfortable simply because they have to be done, and are the right thing to do. But apparently, despite your age, you are not mature enough to realize this, or recognize that this could be a moving unifying experience.

Your selfishness as well as your callousness in this is unfathomable. The cold calculated way you wrote that email is something that would be sent to a lawyer, not your next of kin.

That you would have me do this alone is not the act of a brother or anything else. What it reveals is that you have no concept of what clearly is the right thing to do or a concept of family.

I am an extremely patient (the close to three years I've waited for a response from you on this should tell you that) and usually a forgiving person. But I very sadly must inform you that the despicable and dishonest way you have handled this, I will find very difficult to forgive.

If you wish to me to consider you my brother in our remaining time on earth, then I suggest you wake up and start acting like one and strengthen the things that remain instead of weakening them. Otherwise I will have to with incredible remorse and terrible sadness accept the fact that as I approach my 51<sup>st</sup> year on earth have no brother and no family.